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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for Gandhian Studies during the last three years;

(b) whether the Government proposes to provide more assistance to institutions which are promoting Gandhian studies and the amount earmarked for the same during the current year; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKA SONI)

(a) to (c) No specific allocation for the purpose was made during the last three years. However, Gandhi Smriti and Darshan Samiti, an Autonomous organization under the Ministry has been spreading the life message of Mahatma Gandhi through various socio-educational-culturalprogrammes and in addition Government has sanctioned an amount of Rs. 10.50 crores in financial year 2005-06 to Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmedabad and Rs.23 crores to the following Gandhian Institutions during the year 2006-07:-

1. National Gandhi Museum, New Delhi - Rs. 5.00 crores
2. Kasturba Gandhi National Memorial Trust, Indore - Rs.5.00 crores
3. Sevagram Ashram Pratishthan, Wardha - Rs. 5.00 crores
4. Magan Sanghrahalaya Samiti, Wardha - Rs. 4.00 crores
5. Gandhi Memorial Museum, Madurai - Rs. 1.00 crorc
6. Gandhi Smarak Sangrahalaya, Barrackpore - Rs. 1.00 crore
7. Gandhi Sangrahalaya, Patna -Rs. 1.00 crore
8. Mani Bhawan Gandhi Sangrahalaya, Mumbai - Rs. 1.00 crore

During the current financial year 2007-08, the Finance Minister while presenting the Union Budget 2007-08, has announced a grant of Rs.30 crores to the following Gandhian Institutions:

1) Sabarmati Ashram, Ahmedabad.
2) Sevagram Ashram, Wardha.
3) Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Pune.
4) Rajendra Smriti Sangrahalaya, Patna.